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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Claims 2-9, 12-15, 17-24, and 27-30 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The applicant acknowledges the examiners indication of the allowability of claims 4-9, 12-15, 19-24, and 27-30. Accordingly, claims 4, 12, 19, and 27 have been rewritten into independent form.

Drawing Objections

Claim 16 has been cancelled. Claims 19 and 27 have been rewritten into independent form, but omit the limitation requiring a magnet be mounted on the end of the shaft.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,653,831 to Friend et al. (Friend).

Claims 1, 10, and 11 have been cancelled. Claim 2 now depends from claim 4, noted by the examiner to include allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,467,360 to Bogdanov (Bogdanov).



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Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 4, noted by the examiner to include allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bogdanov in view of U.S. 5,681,480 to May et al. (May).

Claim 16 has been cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 19, noted by the examiner to include allowable subject matter.

Claims 16, 17, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Friend in view of May.

Claims 16, 25, and 26 have been cancelled. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 19, noted by the examiner to include allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of



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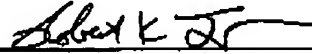
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record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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